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SUBJECT: LOCAL COMMUNIST PRESS ON "LIBERATION" OF TAIWAN

1. FORMER AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER MCMAHON IS QUOTED
IN THE JULY 30 "SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST" AS SAYING THAT
AFTER TALKS IN PEKING, HE HAD THE "IMPRESSION" THAT CHINA'S
"HARDLINE" ATTITUDE TOWARDS TAIWAN "COULD SOFTEN DURING
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S." THIS UNUSUAL VIEW WAS ALMOST
IMMEDIATELY COUNTERED BY A COMMENTARY IN THAT AFTERNOON'S
"NEW EVENING POST" WHICH STATED THAT THE "LIBERATION" OF
TAIWAN IS ONE OF THE PLA'S TWO MISSIONS--AFTER NATIONAL
DEFENSE. THE PAPER CITED "SOME PEOPLE" AS SAYING THAT
PEKING "COULD SOFTEN ITS STAND" ON TAIWAN, BUT ADDED, "IF
THERE IS A POSSIBILITY, TAIWAN'S 'CHIANG CLIQUE' MUST FIRST
SOFTEN ITS OBSTINATE STAND."

2. COMMENT: WHILE REFUTING MCMAHON'S STATEMENT AND
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REAFFIRMING THE MILITARY NATURE OF THE "LIBERATION"
OF TAIWAN, THE ARTICLE REITERATES THE LONG-STANDING
PRC POSITION THAT PEACEFUL "LIBERATION" MIGHT BE
POSSIBLE IF TAIWAN IS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE. THIS
ECHOES VICE-CHAIRMAN/DEFENSE MINISTER YEH CHIEN-YING'S
JULY 31 "ARMY DAY" REMARKS ON TAIWAN WHICH INCLUDED
THE RATHER MILD PHRASE THAT "WE ARE DETERMINED TO

WORK WITH OUR COMPPATRIOTS IN TAIWAN...TO REUNIFY
THE MOTHERLAND."
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